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Marshall to kick off Combined Federal Campaign on Sept. 25

The Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign, the government's annual goodwill drive to benefit charitable organizations, will hold its official kickoff event — a tailgate party and fair — Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the NASA Picnic Area.

All Marshall Center employees and contractors are invited to attend. Team Redstone, which includes Marshall and military organizations on Redstone Arsenal, is leading this year's CFC drive, joining with more than 30 federal agencies in North Alabama.

The 2007 campaign theme is "Give Today, Change Tomorrow." Marshall has set this year's campaign goal at \$600,000. The overall goal for the Tennessee Valley CFC effort is \$1.9 million.

More than 80 local charitable



organizations will be on hand to provide Team Redstone members the chance to learn more about charities that will benefit from the fundraising drive. The fair will last from noon until 2 p.m.

Ralph Malone, president and chief executive officer of Triana Industries in Madison, Ala., will deliver the keynote address. Domino's Pizza, Costco and Pepsi will provide a complimentary lunch, and local WAHR 99.1 FM radio personality Mark Hunter will provide music during the festivities.

Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the kickoff. In keeping with the tailgate theme, all participants are encouraged to wear their favorite sports team jerseys.

There is no rain date set for the Sept. 25 kickoff event.

CFC donors are reminded that all federal agencies have been issued new, five-digit identification codes by the Office of Personnel Management, available in the 2007 CFC charity listings. The codes are used to properly allocate charitable gifts according to each donor's wishes. The four-digit codes are no longer valid.

The 2007 Combined Federal Campaign officially launches Oct. 8, and continues through Dec. 7. For more information, visit <http://cfc.redstone.army.mil> or call Rosa Kilpatrick at 544-0042.



Marshall employees enjoy barbecue and the trimmings during the 2006 team cookout.

Marshall management saying 'thank you' with team cookout Sept. 26

By Rita Roberts

Eat delicious food, listen to rockin' music, talk with co-workers, and meet new people at the Marshall Fall Cookout on Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"America's journey to the moon begins at Marshall, and everyone on the Marshall Team has worked hard this past year to move closer to accomplishing our goals of flying the space shuttle safely,

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Brandon Brown appointed to the SES position of deputy chief financial officer

Brandon M. Brown has been appointed to the Senior Executive Service position of deputy chief financial officer in Marshall's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. In this position, through delegated authority of Chief Financial Officer Pam Cucarola, Brown will oversee the implementation and administration of integrated Marshall and NASA financial management systems, including all aspects of planning, programming, budgeting processes, and guidelines for distribution of financial resources.

Brown comes to Marshall from Omaha, Neb., where he served as

director of finance operations for ConAgra Food Ingredients, a \$1 billion specialty food ingredients business and division of ConAgra Foods. In this position, he managed finance, information technology and supply chain operations for 34 plants nationwide since May 2005.

With more than 10 years of private industry experience, Brown is skilled in marketing, operations, strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, and enterprise resource planning implementations. In the technical realm, he has worked with scientists and researchers on product formulation, least-cost approaches and functional budgeting within their departments.

Brown received his Bachelor of Science in business administration from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo., in 1996. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, Ariz., in 2004.



Brandon Brown

Shuttle Propulsion Office hosts annual awards lunch

Members of the Marshall Center space shuttle team gathered Sept. 12 to celebrate the success of the STS-118 mission and to recognize contributions made to the mission by each of the project offices.

Steve Cash, manager of the Shuttle Propulsion Office, welcomed about 130 team members to the awards luncheon. He presented personalized mementos to each project, including Shuttle Procurement Projects Team; Propulsion Systems Engineering and Integration; Marshall Resident Office at the Kennedy Space Center; Safety and Mission Assurance; External Tank; Program Planning and Control Office; Reusable Solid Rocket Booster; Engineering; Space Shuttle Main Engine; and Shuttle Propulsion manager's office staff.

"I want to thank each one of you for the role you played to make this mission a success," said Cash. "Without you, we wouldn't be celebrating today, and getting ready to fly two more missions this year."

The STS-118 mission, which flew Aug. 8-21, continued space station construction by delivering a third starboard truss segment.



Steve Cash, manager of the Shuttle Propulsion Office, thanks shuttle team members for their dedication and work that enabled a successful STS-118 mission.

Environmental and Energy Functional Review to be held Sept. 24-28

The Environmental and Energy Functional Review will be held at Marshall the week of Sept. 24. Conducted every three years by the NASA Headquarters Environmental Management Division, the review consists of both a management and a technical review.

The management review is similar to the Internal Environment Management Audit and includes discussions with program, facilities, budget, legal, safety and procurement representatives.

The technical review is similar to the Environmental Protection Agency multi-media inspection and includes center programmatic and institutional activities.

Assistance in preparing for interviews will be provided by the Environmental Engineering & Occupational Health Office in the Office of Center Operations. For more information, contact Joe Edmondson at 544-5029.

Gov. Riley brings National Governors Association to Marshall

Marshall Center Director David King, left, listens as Alabama Gov. Bob Riley addresses representatives of the National Governors Association and the Marshall workforce Sept. 10 in Morris Auditorium in Building 4200. The speech, part of the National Governors Association program, focused on building a statewide science, technology, engineering and mathematics — or STEM — agenda, to create a next-generation workforce with the knowledge and skills to compete in the global economy.



David Higginbotham/MSFC



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Mitzi Adams, solar astronomer for Marshall, briefs the National Governors Association on STEM education Sept. 10 at the National Space Science and Technology Center in Huntsville. The association's Center for Best Practices partners with NASA and the Marshall Center to create the STEM Learning Lab for States. The purpose of the learning lab is to highlight the importance of strengthening STEM education — which includes vital disciplines for future NASA careers — around the nation.

U.S. representatives speak to Marshall employees at all-hands meeting

U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon of Tennessee's 6th District, left, and U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer of Alabama's 5th District answer questions from the audience during an all-hands meeting Sept. 12 in Morris Auditorium. The representatives recognized Marshall civil servants and contractors for achieving recent Constellation Program milestones.



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Cookout

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finishing the International Space Station and making possible new exploration of the moon and Mars," said Marshall Center Director David King. "The cookout is our way of saying thanks for the far-reaching efforts of the people who work here. I encourage all of you to come and enjoy yourselves."

The festivities at the NASA Picnic Grounds will kick off with live entertainment by Marshall team member Sharon Hancock, appearing with local musical group Dixie Diesel. The group includes band members from Marshall.

Marshall exhibits will feature displays and videos about space exploration, including a 26-foot Ares I crew launch vehicle model. A part of NASA's future exploration goals, Ares I will transport the Orion crew exploration vehicle to space, making Marshall an integral part of exploring new worlds to improve our own.

Lunch will feature a barbecue selection of pork or turkey with sauces; sides including beans, potato salad and cole slaw; and soft drinks and bottled water. A vegetarian choice will be available. Each Marshall Center organization has received meal tickets to distribute to employees before the event. A meal ticket provides for one plate and one trip through a chosen food line.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from the picnic area. Employees with special transportation needs may call 544-8294. A printable picnic area map and complete bus schedule are available on "Inside Marshall." The cookout will be held rain or shine.

Activities Building 4316 will be the alternate site in case of rain.

For more information or questions, contact events manager Craig Young at 544-3239 or craig.r.young@nasa.gov.

The writer, an ASRI employee, supports the Office of Strategic Analysis and Communications.



PICNIC AREA

Seeking Explorer 1 reunion participants for 50th anniversary

A series of exciting activities Jan. 31, 2008, will mark the 50th anniversary of the launch of America's first satellite, Explorer 1, on a Jupiter C Rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla. To be held in the Cape Canaveral area, the reunion event will include a banquet sponsored by the NASA Alumni League, the Redstone Missile Pioneers, the U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Museum in Cape Canaveral, and NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

Event coordinator Norman Perry is seeking reunion participants who were involved in the Explorer Program with the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency; NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif.; the U.S. Air Force; or supporting contractors from Jan. 31, 1958.

For more information, about the event, contact Perry at (321) 480-0688.

Classified Ads

To submit a classified ad to the Marshall Star, go to Inside Marshall, to "Employee Resources," and click on "Employee Ads — Submit Ad." Ads are limited to 15 words, including contact numbers. No sales pitches. Deadline for the next issue is 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Miscellaneous

King-size wicker headboard from Bragg's, \$150. 883-2237
Entertainment center, cherry, glass curios, hutch, console, \$550; Lazy Boy green leather sofa, \$450. 233-7207
Convertible baby crib, changing table, dark cherry, \$275. 652-5575
Baldwin Acrosonic Spinnet piano, walnut, \$500. 721-3945
Browning Citori four-barrel skeet set, Ponsness-Warren loaders, loading supplies, \$2,750. 656-2951
Nod-A-Way portable wooden crib, mattress, \$45. 468-5177
Coffee table, two end tables, \$150 obo; Longaberger flowerpot basket, liner, protector, \$100 obo. 509-2536
Motorola V325 mobile phone, camera, book, box, charger, \$50. 527-8116
Two Homestead NASCAR tickets, section 205, row 9, seats 16-17, Nov. 18, \$180. 489-9169
Registered Blue Fawn Pit Bull Terrier, female, \$250. 655-5384 or 544-8421
Spalding Cannon II golf clubs, woods, irons, \$100. 656-2951
Chrome chest-type tool box, full lid, sits in bed of full-size truck, \$180. 565-9918
Push lawnmower, \$50. 830-8299
AKC German Shepherd, female, \$350 obo; AKC German Shepherd puppy, male, \$350. 828-3373 or 694-5912
Four Borbet Type B wheels, fits 1999-2005 BMW 323i/325i models, \$75. 828-3931
Solid-wood futon, \$100; solid-wood, five-drawer dresser, \$75. 655-2548

Tektronix 100 MHz oscilloscope, OS-245(P)/U military unit, TD-1085/U timebase, AM-6565/U verticals, \$225. 288-0906
Motorcycle Sport windshield, handlebar mount, fits all bikes, \$35. 430-6897
AKC black Labrador Retrievers, hunt-test bloodlines, four females, five males, \$250-\$300. 738-4240
AKC Golden Retriever puppies, shots, wormed, ready Sept. 27, \$250 females, \$200 males. 325-2430
Lexington floral-print couch, \$300; Nordic Track elliptical machine, \$275. 489-8147
Two mobile home doors, closet, bedroom; ladies' Misty Harbor rain coat, size 8 petite. 655-6348
Winchester 1400 12-gauge shotgun, slug barrel, choke tube, wood stock, \$300. 851-8085
Sears car top carrier, lockable, \$100; two-person innertube, heavy duty, tow rope, \$125. 655-2548
ABU Garcia, Mitchell, Bronson vintage fishing reels, poles, \$12-\$25 each, 325-2919
Computer desk, \$125; sofa, \$125; rocker, \$25; dishes, crystal, \$10-\$40; formals, \$10-\$30. 534-0939 or 527-6898
Four cemetery plots, Tri-Cities Memorial, Florence, Ala., \$4,000. 436-1106
ProForm Crosswalk Dual Motion Cross Trainer electric treadmill, \$120. 587-6343
Two Alabama vs. Florida State football tickets, Sept. 29 game, \$90 both. 206-0266

Vehicles

2007 Triton VT16 Bass boat, 50 hp, \$11,000. 541-2435
2005 Silverado, 2500 HD, 20k miles, \$18,500. 468-4651
2004 Nissan Pathfinder LE, platinum, leather, Bose, power, new tire, 40k miles, \$18,500. 429-8534
2004 Lincoln Aviator, 2WD, third-row seat, white, DVD entertainment system, 34k miles, \$20,500. 541-2049
2003 5th Wheel RV, 30.5 feet, sleeps eight, bath, stove, fridge, freezer, stereo, \$16,500. 544-8659
2003 Dodge Ram, Laramie package, 4x4, 69k miles, 13,500. 468-9377
2000 Yamaha TTR 225 trail bike, \$1,575; 2001 Honda CR 80, \$1,150. 683-4758

1999 Pontiac Grand Am GT, V6, black, leather, sunroof, new tires, 130k miles, \$4,800. 694-0656
1999 Nissan Pathfinder LE, leather, auto, power, new shocks, 96,600 miles. 651-8707
1999 Sprint 207 fish/ski boat, 20.5 feet, Johnson 200 engine, matching trailer, \$12,500. 533-3465
1999 Yamaha TTR-225, low hours, helmet, \$1,500. 233-5620
1997 Nissan Pathfinder, red, 2WD, five-speed, cruise, power windows, door locks, fog lights, \$3,500. 430-6897
1996 Chevy Suburban, tan, 350 engine, front, rear air conditioning, 205k miles, \$4,500 obo. 278-0918
1995 GMC Sonoma pickup truck, six-cylinder, five-speed, \$2,500. 603-1930 or 851-8668
19-foot Bayliner Capri Bowrider, 125 hp, trailer, covers, \$4,000. 653-3647
27-foot Allegro Motorhome, jacks, new tires, 15k miles on drivetrain, \$7,450 obo. 655-3469
16-foot Lone-Wolf lowboy trailer, new tires, \$1,575. 880-6335

Wanted

Four Auburn football tickets. 476-6269
Safe, well-maintained, reliable first car/SUV for teenage daughter, automatic transmission, value priced. 828-1234
Outdoor dog run, kennel. 882-0461
Suspended ceiling parts, 24-inch cross-tees, older style for 25- to 40-year-old grid system. 233-0705

Found

U.S. currency, southeast corner, Bldg. 4200, beside bench, Sept. 10. 544-4680

Free

Two AKC female Golden Retrievers, 3 years old, outside dogs, all shots current. 830-8089
Algae Eater or Plecos fish. 653-2044
Seasoned horse manure, U-haul, Heart's Desire Eventing Farm, Taft, Tenn. (931) 425-0163

MARS Tennis Club seeking players, holding open house at refurbished courts

By Megan Norris

For those looking to improve their backhand serve, to meet other Andy Roddick or Venus Williams hopefuls, or simply to engage in a healthy activity, the Marshall Center's Athletic Recreational Social Tennis Club is the group to join.

And the time is right. The tennis club will hold an open house from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the newly renovated tennis courts on Gemini Road. Interested Marshall team members are encouraged to attend.

Founded in the late 1960s, the tennis club is open to all active and retired NASA and Department of Defense civil servants, contractors and their families. Basic membership includes use of the four lighted courts, on-court ball machine, and dressing and restroom facilities. Membership cost is \$25 per year for singles or \$30 per family. League membership is \$15 for single players or double teams and includes round-robin games, where each team plays against other teams, and an end-of-season tournament.

In August, the Facilities Management Office, part of the Office of Center Operations at Marshall, helped replace the old artificial grass and sand courts with VersaCourt, a copolymer, shock-absorbing surface that reduces playing fatigue. Club members helped in the renovations, providing spectator seating and other on-court amenities.



Marshall's refurbished tennis courts

For more information on the tennis club or the open house, contact Ronda Moyers, Marshall Athletic Recreational Social Tennis Club president, at 544-6809; Linda Brewster, vice president, at 544-0169; or Amy Hemken, secretary/treasurer, at 544-7097.

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Obituaries

Louis H. Sommers Jr., 82, of Huntsville died Aug. 23. He retired from the Marshall Center in 1985. He is survived by his wife, Helen Overton Sommers.

Billy Franklin Malone, 76, of Athens died Aug. 28. He retired

from the Marshall Center in 1987 as a welder. He is survived by his wife, Carol Cross Malone.

Ernest Lamar Orem, 87, of Huntsville died Sept. 10. He retired from the Marshall Center in 1974 as an engineer.

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